

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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GAS PIPELINE PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the new gas pipeline policy takes care of the concept of a National Gas Grid conceived and being executed by GAIL;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of various pipeline routes for which private players are awaiting; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government to make sure that there will not be any duplication of pipeline routes of GAIL and! these companies?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a)&(b): While there is no proposal to set up a national gas grid, the Government of India has enacted 'The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006 and notified the 'Policy for Development of Natural Gas Pipelines and City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Networks', with the objective of promoting investment from public as well as private sector.

The broad objectives of the policy are :

- 1) To facilitate open access for all players to the pipeline network on a non- discriminatory basis;
- 2) To promote competition among entities, thereby avoiding any abuse of the dominant position by any entity;
- 3) To secure consumer interest in terms of gas availability and reasonable tariff.

GAIL is already operating more than 6000 km of pipelines with a capacity of around 130 MMSCMD for transportation of natural gas to various parts of the country.

GAIL's natural gas transmission pipelines, as on 1.3.2007, are as follows:-

NETWORK/REGION	LENGTH (IN KM)
DAHEJ VIJAIPUR PIPELINE	612

HVJ	INCLUDING	GREP	3397
& SPUR LINES			

ASSAM	8
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TRIPURA	61
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GUJRAT AND RAJASTHAN	742
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MAHARASHTRA	125
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ANDHRA PRADESH	834
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TAMILNADU	260
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TOTAL 6039

GAIL has completed the following projects recently:

1. Kelaras - Malanpur pipeline - commissioned in July 2006.
2. Vijaipur - Kota pipeline - commissioned in Jan 2007.
3. Jagoti - Pithampur pipeline - commissioned in March 2007.

Dahej - Uran pipeline project is under implementation.

Besides notifications inviting Expressions of Interest (EOI) have been issued by GAIL for laying the following pipelines for transportation of gas to meet the gas demand of different regions.

- (1) Jagdishpur-Haldia pipeline
- (2) Kochi- Kanjirrkod- Mangalore / Bangalore Pipeline
- (3) Dabhol- Bangalore Pipeline
- (4) Dadri-Bawana- Nangal Pipeline
- (5) Chainsa-Gurgaon-Jhajjar-Hissar Pipeline

(c): Government has accorded approval to Reliance Gas Transportation Infrastructure Limited (RGTIL) for the following pipelines.

1. Kakinada-Hyderabad-Uran-Ahmedabad Pipeline (1509 kms)
2. Kakinada-Chennai PipeKme (445 kms)

Further Eol has been invited by RGTIL for the following:

1. Kakinada-Basudebpur-Howrah Pipeline (1100 kms)
2. Chennai-Bangalore-Mangalore Pipeline (660 kins)

3. Chennai-Tuticorin Pipeline (670 kms)

Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation Limited (GSPCL) has also invited EoI for laying Kakinada-Ahmedabad pipeline.

(d): While issuing authorization for laying pipelines, Government, through its scrutiny, ensures that there is no duplication of pipeline routes.